

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

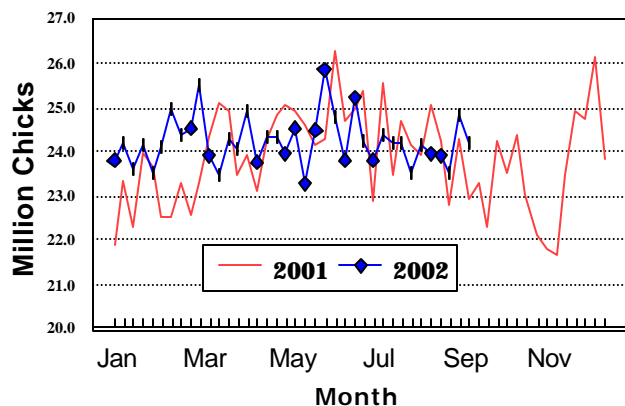
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending September 21, 2002. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 2001, but down 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 21, 2002 were 921.1 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.5 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and also down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.3 percent.

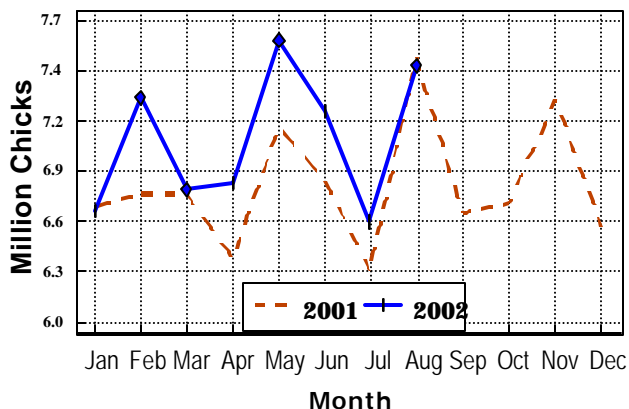
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 21, 2002, down 2 percent from the same period last year, but up 3 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.4 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2002, down 1 percent from August 2001.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2001 - 2002**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2001	2002	
	1,000		
Aug.	23,905	24,158	101
Aug.	25,069	23,964	96
Aug.	24,256	23,913	99
Sep.	22,787	23,546	103
Sep.	24,293	24,824	102
Sep.	22,941	24,206	106

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2001	2002	
	1,000		
Mar.	6,752	6,775	100
Apr.	6,398	6,814	107
May	7,117	7,597	107
June	6,822	7,206	106
July	6,326	6,602	104
Aug.	7,494	7,449	99

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	31-Aug	07-Sep	14-Sep	21-Sep	%	17-Aug	24-Aug	31-Aug	07-Sep	14-Sep	21-Sep	%
Alabama	29,019 *	28,871	28,010	28,121	104	22,570	22,617	21,576	22,701	21,866	21,523	102
ARKANSAS	29,734	29,592	28,216	29,050	98	24,158	23,964	23,913	23,546	24,824	24,206	106
Delaware	3,421	3,480	3,351 *	3,256	94	5,696	4,806	5,511	5,394	4,889 *	5,599	109
Florida	2,101	2,166	2,166	2,192	94	2,111	2,136	2,126	2,222	1,938	2,228	91
Georgia	31,553	32,029	29,350 *	30,228	100	25,824	25,541	25,775 *	25,113 *	25,937 *	25,688	99
Kentucky	6,493	6,290	6,382 *	5,918	91	5,347	5,361	5,384	5,459	5,508 *	5,269	103
Maryland	10,049	8,952	9,061 *	8,711	89	5,749	6,291	6,255	6,270	6,187 *	5,780	95
Mississippi	18,516	18,560	17,683	17,540	95	15,854	15,989	15,956	15,940	15,372	15,340	100
N. Carolina	17,939 *	18,074	17,001	15,966	86	14,629	15,099	14,679	14,700	14,308	14,240	105
Oklahoma	6,663	6,685	6,652	5,975	94	3,941	4,751	4,143	4,742	4,136	4,623	79
Pennsylvania	3,655	3,723 *	3,548 *	3,514	95	2,680	2,774	2,746	2,780 *	2,796 *	2,742	103
S. Carolina	4,864	4,925	4,937	4,833	102	4,286	3,786	4,118	3,827	4,111	4,096	99
Texas	14,350	15,198	14,687	13,236	96	11,633	11,731	11,155	11,426	10,575	11,177	94
Virginia	6,354	6,342 *	5,809	4,987	79	4,722	5,419	4,613	4,611	5,422	4,938	94
CALAMO,TN,WV	19,572 *	19,525 *	16,799 *	17,148	91	18,284	17,574	18,614	18,601	18,643 *	17,993	96
Total 2002	204,283 *	204,412 *	193,652 *	190,675		167,484	167,839	166,564 *	167,332 *	166,512 *	165,442	
Total 2001	204,622	198,093	194,686	199,865		165,060	167,386	165,420	167,090	167,537	166,119	
% Prev. Year	100	103	99	95		101	100	101	100	99	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						05-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	02-Nov	09-Nov	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 191 million eggs during the week ending September 21, 2002. This was down 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 21, 2002. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 21, 2002 were 6.44 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.